

Conference Overview

THE 2003 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE

The District of Columbia Department of Health HIV/AIDS Administration, established in 1986, is at the forefront of the community addressing the dynamics of the HIV disease and its impact. In accordance with the citywide strategic priority area of “**strengthening children, youth, families and individuals**”, the HIV/AIDS Administration holds its constituents as the primary thrust for all initiatives, while providing leadership in the development of relevant and effective health initiatives.

Throughout the year, the HIV/AIDS Administration responds to the needs of the community through a wide-range of programs and services including major mass media efforts. However, the most advantageous of these communication-based events, as it pertains to clients, is the bi-annual HIV/AIDS Conference.

The structure of the 2003 HIV/AIDS Conference is designed to:

- Ensure the citizens of the District of Columbia have access to the latest information about the disease, prevention and education, treatment options and services;
- Promote organizations and companies that service and support the HIV/AIDS community;
- Facilitate in-depth discussions with leaders of community based organizations;
- Provide an environment of support and empowerment for those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.